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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST FRG ENVIRON-
MENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN.

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED CHANGES IN TEXT FOR
ORAL RESPONSE TO SOVIETS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT SEPTEMBER
24 TRIPARTITE AND BONN GROUP MEETINGS (REFTEL) AND IS
PREPARED TO APPROVE FOLLOWING TEXT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND
FROM REFTEL MEETS FRG NEEDS AND CAN BE ACCEPTED BY ALLIES:

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BEGIN TEXT. WITH REFERENCE TO THE COMMUNICATION OF THE

EMBASSY OF THE USSR OF SEPTEMBER 10,1973 CONCERNING
THE LOCATION IN THE WSB OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL GERMAN
ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS,
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REPLY WHICH
REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE
POWERS.

IT CANNOT BE ASSERTED THAT THE TEXT OF THE QA AND ITS
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS ARE BASED ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE
THAT THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN THE WSB IS TO BE REDUCED.
NO SUCH LIMITATION IS REFLECTED IN THE QA AND ITS
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS. THE SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS IMPOSED
BY THE THREE WESTERN POWERS ON THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN

THE WSB ARE SET FORTH IN THOSE DOCUMENTS AND DO NOT
CONTAIN SUCH A PRINCIPLE. RATHER THE QA PROVIDES
THAT "THE TIES BETWEEN THE WSB AND THE FRG WILL BE
MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT
THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART
OF THE FRG AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT."

WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TIES,
THE LOCATION IN THE WSB OF THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION
WOULD NOT CONTRAVENE THIS PROVISION OF THE QA.
MOREOVER, THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED
TO ACT IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE QA AND ITS
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE LETTER OF THE
AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE CHANCELLOR
OF THE FRG, DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1971. END TEXT.

2. FYI: WHILE DEPARTMENT PREPARED ACCEPT ABOVE TEXT
INCORPORATING LANGUAGE OF "OPTION A/ IN FINAL PARAGRAPH
WE FIND IT MORE DEFENSIVE THAN LANGUAGE AGREED
UPON FOR SAME PARAGRAPH AT TRIPARTITE MEETING SEPTEMBER
24. WE MUCH PREFER LANGUAGE OF "OPTION A" TO "OPTION B"
WHICH FRG SUGGESTED(PARA 4, REFTEL). KISSINGER

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